

COOPERATIVE REVIEW

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Climate Change Bill Moves to the Senate

Some call it the Waxman-Markey bill and some call it the “Cap and Trade” bill. Others call it the Climate Change bill, but the actual name is The American Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454). What this legislation requires is a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Electric cooperatives, with support from consumers across the country, are seizing opportunities to improve climate change legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress. In June, the U.S. House of Representatives listened to co-op concerns and revised its climate change bill, H.R. 2454.

Among the revisions: future impacts on co-op consumers’ electric bills were reduced by more than \$3 billion over the next 10 years, and possible federal financing will be available to co-ops for nuclear power plants.

“The bill still needs a lot of work, but it could have been much worse. By staying engaged in the process electric co-ops had a measureable impact,” says Glenn English, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Union Power members and cooperative consumers across the country have been making their voices heard. Climate change legislation should be fair, affordable and achievable. Our local Representatives Sue Myrick and Larry Kissell heard your concerns and voted against the bill in the House. Senators are drafting climate change legislation now, and you can impact the outcome.

Voice your support for a balanced solution to climate change

legislation—one that produces real environmental results without further harming our economy.

Make your voices heard by calling **1-877-40BALANCE** (1-877-40-225-2623) or visit ourenergy.coop.

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

N.C. Delegation Members Voting Yes:
Price, Butterfield, Miller, Watt, Etheridge and Schuler.

N.C. Delegation Members Voting No:
Coble, Jones, Foxx, McHenry, Myrick, Kissell and McIntyre.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Climate Change Legislation Should Be:

**Fair. Affordable.
And Achievable.**



Our Energy, Our Future™
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MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

The Bylaws of Your Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on a Saturday in September or October of each year as may be determined by the board of directors, at such place in the County of Union, State of North Carolina, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Notice of Meetings

Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting shall be delivered to members not less than seven days and not more than thirty days before the date of the meeting. The notice can be delivered by mail or in person. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative with postage thereon prepaid. If a member does not receive notice of an annual meeting, it will not invalidate any action of the members at that meeting.

Quorum

Not less than 1% of the total number of the members of the Cooperative, as determined to exist by the board of directors as of the August board meeting preceding the next scheduled annual membership meeting, must be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting in the election of directors. For all other transactions of business at all meetings of the members, a majority of the members (51%) in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Voting

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members voting thereon in person or proxy, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation of the Cooperative, or these bylaws. A jointly held membership shall constitute one member for all purposes including voting and all other matters presented to the board and/or members. The vote of either or both shall constitute one vote.

Proxies

At all meetings of members, a member may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member. Such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary before or at the time of the meeting. No proxy shall be voted at any meeting of the members unless it shall designate the particular meeting at which it is to be voted, and no proxy shall be

voted at any meeting other than the one so designated or any adjournment of such meeting. No person shall vote as proxy for more than five (5) members at any meeting of the members and no proxy shall be valid after sixty (60) days from the date of its execution. A proxy shall designate one of the following to vote: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Vice President & General Manager, or any board member or employee-member to be allotted and designated by the Board President. The presence of a member at a meeting of the members shall revoke a proxy theretofore executed by him and such member shall be entitled to vote at such meeting in the same manner and with the same effect as if he had not executed a proxy.

Tenure, Qualification, & Districts

At the annual meeting of the members, qualified candidates shall be elected by paper ballot if a directorship is lawfully contested, and if not, then by voice vote to fill those director positions that are eligible for election. Directors shall serve for three (3) years or until their successors are duly elected and qualify, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the eligibility and removal of directors.

No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is not eighteen or more years of age, a bonafide resident in the area served by the Cooperative, or is any way employed by or has a substantial financial interest (more than 2%) in a competing enterprise or a business selling energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or in a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative, or who was employed by the Cooperative or its subsidiary within six (6) consecutive years before that person's candidacy for a directorship. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either, but not both, may serve as a director, provided, however, that neither shall be eligible to become or remain a director unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. To insure equitable representation of all members of the Cooperative on the board of directors, the service area is divided into six districts to have representation on the board as hereafter provided:

District I (which includes Rowan & Stanly Counties) shall be represented by three (3) directors;

District II (which includes that portion of Union County generally east of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of

Highway 601 with the northern boundary of Union County, hence south along Highway 601 to the intersection with Highway 74, hence west with Highway 74 to the intersection with Secrest Short Cut Road, hence west along Secrest Short Cut Road to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence south along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Highway 75, hence west along Highway 75 to the Union County line) shall be represented by two (2) directors;

District III (which includes that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 16 and the Union County line, hence south along Highway 16 to the intersection with Highway 84, hence east along Highway 84 to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence south along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Highway 75, hence west along Highway 75 to the Union County line) shall be represented by one (1) director;

District IV (which includes Mecklenburg County and that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 16 and the Union County line, hence south along Highway 16 to the intersection with Highway 84, hence east along Highway 84 to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence north along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Secrest Short Cut Road, hence west along Secrest Short Cut Road to the intersection with Idlewild Road, hence west along Idlewild Road to the intersection with Stevens Mill Road, hence north along Stevens Mill Road to the intersection with Lawyers Road, hence west along Lawyers Road to the Mecklenburg County Line. District IV shall be represented by two (2) directors;

District V (which includes that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 601 with the northern boundary of Union County, hence south along Highway 601 to the intersection with Highway 74, hence west with Highway 74 to the intersection with Secrest Short Cut Road, hence west along Secrest Short Cut Road to the intersection with Idlewild Road, hence west along Idlewild Road to the Union County line) shall be represented by one (1) director;

District VI (which includes Cabarrus County) shall be represented by two (2) directors.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

Nominations

It shall be the duty of the board of directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the board of directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any group of members consisting of no less than three percent (3%) of the total membership of the Cooperative, as determined to exist by the board of directors as of the August board meeting preceding the next scheduled annual membership meeting, may make other nominations in writing by petition over their signature not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such petition at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. The nominations made by petition shall be in writing and include the following information:

- Petitioner's name and all persons signing such petition must be legibly printed; include a hand written signature; date; home address; and telephone number legibly printed.
- Account number with Union Power Cooperative for verification purposes.
- Candidate's name, district of candidate and director position sought.
- In accordance with the bylaws and the Cooperative's articles of incorporation, only one individual from a husband/wife joint membership may sign such petition.

Nominations shall not be considered from the floor at any meeting of the members. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.



UNION POWER COOPERATIVE'S 70TH

Annual Membership Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009—WINGATE UNIVERSITY

7:00 A.M.—NOON

Proxies will come on the outer cover of your October *Carolina Country* magazine along with Official Notice of the Annual Meeting and Annual Report.

Need your cholesterol or blood sugar level checked? Maybe get a the flu shot or have your blood pressure taken? Plan to join us at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 3. Our Health and Safety Fair will be held in Cuddy Arena at Wingate University from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Several local organizations have volunteered to provide you with the latest in health care information and screenings. Flu shots will be available again this year for \$30. **Please do not eat breakfast** before you have your cholesterol checked and wear comfortable clothing so shots can be easily administered. Medicare patients must present their cards.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00–10:00 a.m. Registration & Member Dividend Checks, Free Breakfast, Health & Safety Fair, and Marketing Exhibits

9:00–10:30 a.m. Musical Entertainment by A Deeper Shade of Blue

9:30–Noon Kids Festival

10:30 a.m. Director Elections, Business Meeting, \$2,500 in Cash Prizes

2009 HEALTH FAIR VENDORS

- *About Breast Cancer Project at the Union County Health Department
- *Brookdale Senior Living
- **Carolina Country* magazine
- *Carolinas Medical Center-Union (*Blood Sugar, Cholesterol Screenings*)
- *CMC-Union Community Wellness
- *CMC-Union Diabetes Center
- *CMC-Union Endoscopy Services
- *CMC-Union Emergency Services
- *CMC-Union Imaging Services
- *CMC-Union Rehabilitative Services
- *CMC-Union Respiratory Services
- *CMC-Union Women & Children's Ctr.
- *CMC-Union Wound Care
- *Carolinas Rehabilitation
- *Carolinas Sleep Services

- *Community Health Services of Union County
- *Council on Aging
- *Dove Internal Medicine
- *Home Instead Senior Center
- *Hospice of Union County
- *Hospice of Stanly County
- *Project Star at Carolinas Rehabilitation
- *Southeast Pain—Monroe
- *Superior Home Medical, Inc.
- *Total Care, Inc.
- *Touchstone Energy
- *Union Pediatrics
- *Union Pulmonary & Sleep Specialists
- *Union Regional Home Care
- *Union Smart Start—Health Check
- *Union Surgical Associates
- *Union Services



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- Security Deposit**—charges vary
\$0, \$175, \$375
- Connection Fee**
\$25
- Late Payment Charge**
\$5 or 1.5% of past due balance, if greater
- Returned Check Fee**
\$25
- Meter Test**
\$75 (refunded if not accurate)
- Dual Meter Comparison**
\$50 (refunded if not accurate)
- Trip Charge**
\$25 (checks or money orders only, no cash)

RECONNECT CHARGES:

- (collected in advance)
- Normal Hours**
\$50 (if called in *before* 4:00 p.m.)
- After Hours**
\$100 (if called in *after* 4:00 p.m.)
- Weekends and Holidays**
\$100

UNION POWER TO CONDUCT FIELD INVENTORY

A mapping project was launched earlier this year to collect an inventory of Union Power's entire electrical system. This is inclusive of more than 5,700 miles of overhead and underground lines serving nearly 65,000 members throughout Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly, and Rowan counties.



The Cooperative contracted with Davey Resource Group (DRG) to record the precise location of every Union Power pole, transformer, electric meter, and the equipment associated with them. Using signals from satellites to compute mapping coordinates for specific locations, DRG field technicians will be traveling throughout Union Power's service area with global positioning system (GPS) equipment to record these locations.

Union Power members will receive notice in the mail stating when crews are expected to be working in their area. During the scheduled 18-month project, members may spot crews driving slowly in white trucks (identified with the Davey Resource Group and Union Power logos) with yellow lights flashing. DRG field technicians will carry identification badges, wear black backpacks with yellow antenna and yellow safety vests, and may be on foot or riding an ATV. They may possibly be working on Saturdays. Visiting all poles, transformers, and meters twice, they will be making two passes of the entire circuit. In allowing for information that is more accurate and assisting in providing improved service and outage restoration, this project reflects Union Power's unwavering commitment to deliver safe and reliable electricity to its members.

PROFESSIONAL

Certifications Honored



Hal Setser, vice president of marketing and energy services, recently received the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association's (NRECA) Certified Key Account Executive certification. Carrie Cameron, manager of communications, recently earned NRECA's Certified Cooperative Communicator (CCC) accreditation. Carrie is among 14 active CCCs in North Carolina and 178 CCCs nationwide who maintain their designation.

Our employees continue to improve through job-related courses of study to pursue excellence in all we do for you—our members.